

BOY SCOUT TROOP
53
McFARLAND, WISCONSIN
JANUARY – AUGUST 2008
CALENDAR



Sponsored by McFarland Lutheran Church since 1939

January

Theme:
Winter
Camping

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 New Years Day	2 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet 6:00 p.m.	6
7 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Glacier's Edge Training Powwow	20
21 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out Depart 6:00 p.m.	26 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out	27 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out, return noon. PLC, 6:00 p.m.
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31			
<p>Winter Camping is an important Scout skill to know and master. The Troop camps year-round, so knowing how to stay warm in cold weather is important. The Scout Handbook contains valuable information on how to stay warm and dry in winter. Learn what C.O.L.D. means.</p>						

February

Theme:
Skiing
Snowboarding

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>The Klondike Derby is a sled race in which the Scouts furnish the power and skills to compete in several contests. Scout Sunday is celebrated all over the country on the first Sunday in February. Join the troop for services with our sponsoring organization, McFarland Lutheran Church, or attend your own house of worship – in uniform. A Scout is reverent.</p>				1	2 Glacier's Edge Klondike Derby Camp Indian Trails	3 Scout Sunday MLC, 9:00 a.m. Service.
4 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Cascade Mountain Ski/Snowboarding Day outing 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	10 Isle Royale High Adventure info. Meeting, 7:00 p.m. MLC
11 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. OA Election (rescheduled)	19	20	21	22	23	24 2007 Boundary Waters Family Photo night. 6:30 pm MLC Rm. 113
25 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29		
<p>Weather-permitting, the Troop will spend Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Cascade Mountain Ski area. Bring your own skis or rent. You can take lessons if you don't know how to ski. Snowboarding is available too.</p>						

March

Theme:
Health Care

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Chicago Field Museum hosts groups for overnight stays for a night at the museum. Explore all night and sleep on the floor with the dinosaurs. We drive to Harvard, IL, and take the Train into downtown Chicago.					1	2
3 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	11	12	13 Pack 53 Blue & Gold + Webelos Crossover, 6:30 p.m.	14 Chicago Field Museum Overnighter	15 Chicago Field Museum Overnighter	16 PLC 6:00 p.m.
17 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22 Madison Heritage Trail & Cit. Nat. M.B. hike, 8:30 a.m. Warner Park	23
24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Spring Break	30
31 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	The Troop will not meet March 24. Have a great Spring break.					

April

Theme:
Cycling
Safety

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Yahara District Roundtable and OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Scouting for Food Bag – Flyer drop off, MLC, 9:00 a.m.	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Scouting for Food Bag Pick up, MLC, 9:00 a.m.	20
21 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL, Depart 5:30 p.m.	26 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL	27 Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL, return noon PLC, 6:00 p.m.
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	Scouting for Food is our annual service project to provide food for the McFarland Food Pantry. Flyers are hung on doors one Saturday and food donations collected and delivered the next.			
The U.S. Grant Pilgrimage celebrates our 18 th President in his hometown of Galena, Illinois. It is sponsored by the Blackhawk Council, and features museum tours, Grant's home, living history demonstrations, and a parade through Galena. There is no 20-mile hike, but a trail medal can be earned.						

May

Theme:
Sports

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's honor camping organization. Scouts are elected by their troop once a year, and are inducted into the Order at the Spring and Fall Conferences.			1	2	3	4
5 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	6	7 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	8	9 Isle Royale High Adventure shakedown, Devils Lake State Park	10 Isle Royale High Adventure shakedown, Devils Lake State Park	11 Isle Royale High Adventure shakedown, Devils Lake State Park
12 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Campout, Token Creek County Park, Depart 6:00 p.m.	17 Campout, Token Creek County Park	18 Campout, Token Creek County Park, return 11:00 a.m.
19 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Elections	20	21	22	23 Troop Junior Leadership Training Campout MCL, 5:00 p.m.	24 Troop Junior Leadership Training Campout with PLC 1:00	25
26 Memorial Day Parade & Flag Folding Legion Hall, 4:45 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD (expected date)	31 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD	
Learning leadership skills is one of the goals of Boy Scouting. We do this through the patrol method. New Scout leaders are elected twice a year in Troop 53. Newly elected and appointed leaders are expected to attend the Junior Leadership training events. These events provide training for the new position of responsibility, provide teambuilding experiences, and conclude with a Patrol Leaders Council Meeting for the new officers.						

June

Theme:
General
Advancement

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2008 High Adventure is a 40+ mile backpacking trek on Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior. We have 10 slots available. Estimated cost is \$230 for the trek. Includes ferry and N.P. fees - Does not include your food or personal backpacking equipment. I.R. is an awesomely beautiful wilderness.						1 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD
2 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6 Last Day of School	7	8 McFarland High School Graduation & Color Guard duty, 12:30 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14 Isle Royale High Adventure Trek Departs McFarland 9:00am	15 Isle Royale High Adventure
16 Isle Royale High Adventure Troop Meeting ???	17 Isle Royale High Adventure	18 Isle Royale High Adventure	19 Isle Royale High Adventure	20 Isle Royale High Adventure	21 Isle Royale High Adventure	22 Isle Royale High Adventure, Return Late.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 PLC, 6:00 p.m.
30 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Summer Camp Packdown	Troop 53 continues to meet during the summer, but on an every-other-Monday schedule once school lets out. Summer is a great time for Patrols to get together to plan and do Patrol activities. The Scout Handbook explains how.					

July

Theme:
General
Advancement

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 Flag Folding, American Legion Hall, 4:45 p.m.	5	6 Summer Camp, EBSR, Depart 9:30 a.m.
7 Summer Camp, EBSR	8 Summer Camp, EBSR	9 Summer Camp, EBSR	10 Summer Camp, EBSR	11 Summer Camp, EBSR	12 Summer Camp, EBSR Return, noon	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 PLC, Annual Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m. MLC	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	Troop 53 attends the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation on Castle Rock Lake for summer camp. This is an outstanding opportunity for advancement and fun. Every Scout should attend Summer Camp.		
The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) plans the troop's calendar on July 21. Youth Leaders will designate the campouts and activities for 2008 – 2009, the themes the troop will pursue in the coming year, and several special events. Note that high adventure for 2009 has already been reserved – Philmont Scout Ranch, July 11 – 25, 2009.						

August

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) builds on our Troop Leadership Training, and outfits young men to better lead their troop with current leadership techniques. Troop 53 tries to send at least 2 Scouts to NYLT each summer. An earlier session is held at Camp Indian Trails, June 14 – 19.				1	2	3 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR
4 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	5 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	6 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	7 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	8 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	9 National Youth Leadership Training, EBSR	10
11 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Order of the Arrow Fall Conference, Camp Indian Trails	23 Order of the Arrow Fall Conference, Camp Indian Trails	24 Troop Roundup and Summer Court of Honor, noon, MLC lawn.
25 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sept. 1 Labor Day (no meeting)	Troop 53 kicks off the 2008 – 2009 Scouting year on August 24 with a pot luck picnic under the big trees at McFarland Lutheran Church. Register for the new year, celebrate summer achievements, and have a great time. Arrowmen should be back in time from the Conference to attend the Roundup.					